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<b>0-7</b>	Applicant's or agent's file reference	P04-74
<b>I</b>	<b>Title of Invention</b>	SUTURE REINFORCEMENT MATERIAL FOR AUTOMATIC SUTURING DEVICE
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<b>V</b>	<b>DESIGNATIONS</b>	
<b>V-1</b>	<b>The filing of this request constitutes under Rule 4.9(a), the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents.</b>	

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VI-1-3	Country	JP	
<b>VII-1</b>	<b>International Searching Authority Chosen</b>	<b>Japan Patent Office (ISA/JP)</b>	
<b>VIII</b>	<b>Declarations</b>	Number of declarations	
VIII-1	Declaration as to the identity of the inventor	-	
VIII-2	Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent	-	
VIII-3	Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application	-	
VIII-4	Declaration of inventorship (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America)	-	
VIII-5	Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty	-	
<b>IX</b>	<b>Check list</b>	number of sheets	electronic file(s) attached
IX-1	Request (including declaration sheets)	4	✓
IX-2	Description	10	-
IX-3	Claims	2	-
IX-4	Abstract	1	✓
IX-5	Drawings	9	-
IX-7	TOTAL	26	
	<b>Accompanying Items</b>	paper document(s) attached	electronic file(s) attached
IX-8	Fee calculation sheet	✓	-
IX-17	PCT-SAFE physical media	-	✓
IX-19	Figure of the drawings which should accompany the abstract		
IX-20	Language of filing of the international application	Japanese	
<b>X-1</b>	<b>Signature of applicant, agent or common representative</b>		
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10-1	Date of actual receipt of the purported international application	
10-2	Drawings:	
10-2-1	Received	
10-2-2	Not received	
10-3	Corrected date of actual receipt due to later but timely received papers or drawings completing the purported international application	
10-4	Date of timely receipt of the required corrections under PCT Article 11(2)	
10-5	International Searching Authority	ISA/JP
10-6	Transmittal of search copy delayed until search fee is paid	

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